

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 11, 2004

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We wanted to bring to your attention the enclosed *amicus* brief that was filed at the 9th Circuit Court regarding FERC and the billions of dollars in energy refunds that are owed to Californians.

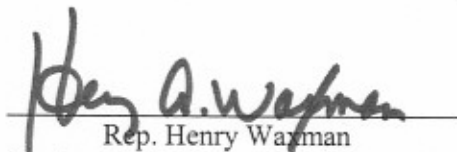
As you are aware, the California Democratic Congressional Delegation has been actively engaged in this issue since the energy crisis began in San Diego in the summer of 2000. Over the past several years we have been diligent in requesting the Bush Administration, including FERC, assist Californians in recovering the "unjust and unreasonable" electricity rates they were improperly overcharged. In addition, we have pushed for Congressional hearings on this issue and introduced several legislative initiatives in an attempt to help Californians secure this money. In our October 15, 2003 and February 26, 2004 letters to you - and during the two gatherings held with the California Congressional Delegation on October 29, 2003 and February 24, 2004 - we highlighted the energy refunds as one of our priorities and urged you to make it a key part of your federal agenda. Filing this *amicus* is another avenue that we have taken to help secure the approximate \$9 billion owed to Californians.

As reports emerge about the next challenge for our state in the energy arena, we want to reiterate that these outstanding refunds are still a major item to be addressed from the energy crisis that began four years ago. We continue to urge your interest in this endeavor as it will have a tremendous economic benefit for our state and California's consumers.

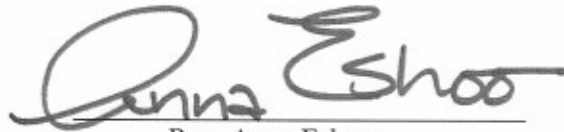
Sincerely,



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